



By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For the Discovery of the Murtherers of Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey. —

CHARLES R.



Whereas it appears by an Inquisition lately taken before one of His Majesties Coroners of his County of Middlesex, upon view of the Body of Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey Knight, one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the same County, That the said Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey was in a Barbarous and Inhumane manner lately Murthered, by persons whose names were to the Jury unknown; The Kings most Excellent Majesty out of his Royal Inclination to Justice, and to the intent that so horrid and Detestable a Murther may be with utmost Severity punished, whereby all others may be deterred from Committing or Attempting such Bloody and Wicked Crimes, doth, by this his Royal Proclamation, Strictly Charge and Command, all his Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, and all his Officers, and other his loving Subjects, That they do use their utmost diligence in their several Places and Capacities, to Find out and Discover the Murtherers of the said Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey; and if they make any considerable Discovery by whom the said Murther was Committed, to give speedy Information thereof to one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State; and likewise to use their utmost Endeavour to Apprehend the Murtherers: And as a Reward to such as shall make a Discovery of the Murtherers, his Majesty is graciously pleased hereby to Promise, to any Person or Persons, who shall make such a Discovery, whereby the said Murtherers, or any of them shall be Apprehended, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, which shall be immediately paid down, upon sufficient Testimony, that such Persons or Person Apprehended, are, or is Guilty of the said Murther: And if any one of the Murtherers shall Discover the rest, whereby they, or any one of them shall be Apprehended, such Discoverer shall not only be Pardon'd his Offence, but shall in like manner receive the said Reward of Five hundred Pounds.

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God save the King.

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